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SUBJECT: MAY DAY MILITARY PARADE IN EAST BERLIN

REF: (A) USNATO 2040 (APRIL 25, 1973)

(B) USNATO 1998 (APRIL 20, 1973)

(C) BONN 5760 (APRIL 19, 1973)

(D) STATE 73001 (APRIL 19, 1973)

1. AT A RECENT BONN GROUP MEETING, THE FONOFF REP (LUECKING) SAID THE NORWEGIANS HAD RAISED WITH FRG NATO REPS QUESTION OF ATTENDANCE AT MAY DAY PARADE IN EAST BERLIN. LUECKING SAID HE ASSUMED (AND THIS HAS SINCE BEEN CONFIRMED) THAT FRENCH AND UK REPS IN EAST BERLIN

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WOULD NOT ATTEND MAY 1 PARADE THIS YEAR SINCE THEY HAD

DECLINED INVITATIONS IN 1973 (REFTELS). HE ASKED FOR ALLIED VIEWS ON MEANS AND CONTENT OF RESPONSE TO NORWEGIANS.

2. THE U.S. REP PROPOSED AT THE APRIL 17 BONN GROUP MEETING THAT MOST APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR RESPONSE WOULD BE NATO, AND PROPOSED FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR ITS CONTENT:

BEGIN TEXT:

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH EMBASSIES TO THE GDR WILL DECLINE INVITATIONS TO ATTEND THE MAY DAY PARADE IN EAST BERLIN, BECAUSE SUCH A PARADE INVOLVES DEMONSTRATIONS OF MILITARY FORCE WHICH ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE DEMILITARIZED STATUS OF GREATER BERLIN. AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE ALLIED COMMANDANTS IN BERLIN WILL CONDEMN THIS VIOLATION OF FOUR POWER AGREEMENTS ON THE DEMILITARIZED STATUS OF THE CITY. THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO THE CONCEPT OF DEMILITARIZATION OF GREATER BERLIN AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER NATO GOVERNMENTS COULD SIMILARLY REFUSE ANY SUCH INVITATIONS.

END TEXT

3. BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN REPS ALL APPROVED ABOVE TEXT, AND AGREED TO ASK RESPECTIVE CAPITALS TO AUTHORIZE ITS CIRCULATION IN NATO AT AN EARLY DATE; IT WAS ALSO AGREED ALLIED AND FRG MISSIONS TO NATO IN BEST POSITION TO DETERMINE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS OF DOING SO.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION FOR TEXT AND MODALITIES OUTLINED ABOVE.

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